

which is at each side of the crown and a pair of end rim members one of which is at each pie. Further, even though the material to be molded is described and illustrated as being applied to the male tool prior to molding the material, it is to be understood that the material could just as well be applied to the female tool instead, or be applied to both the male and female tools; prior to molding the material. In addition, fibrous materials other than those mentioned above may be utilized in the practice of the present invention; for example, plastic chips may be used. Further, wood veneer can be utilized as a covering for the molded cap. Still further, a thermal transfer layer, i.e. a sheet with ink printed thereon, could be used to place an ink pattern on the molded cap. Still further, a flange, such as an extruded plastic flange, could be attached to the cap for securing a dish assembly in the cap interior. Or alternatively a flange could be molded directly into the cap thus providing an integral means of securing the dish assembly within the cap. Thus, the invention shall embrace all such variations. Accordingly, the invention is to be limited only by the scope of the following claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary

casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

5 molding the settable material with the tooling;

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-

piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header; and

adhesively applying a wood veneer sheet to at least a portion of

the lid.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the lid with a membrane press.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the lid with a profile wrapping machine.
- 5 4. The method of claim 1 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheet and the veneer sheet is adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the exterior surfaces of the crown, pie, rim and header.

6. A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
 - providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;
 - providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
 - 5 molding the settable material with the tooling;
 - permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie; and
 - adhesively applying wood veneer to the crown and the pie.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the veneer is applied with a membrane press.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the veneer is applied with a profile wrapping machine.

5 9. The method of claim 6 wherein glue is applied to the veneer and the veneer is adhered to the lid portion with the use of heat and pressure.

10 10. The method of claim 6 wherein a rim is fabricated of solid wood and is attached to the crown and pie.

11. The method of claim 6 wherein a rim is fabricated from a
10 solid non-wood substrate profile wrapped with wood veneer, and is attached to the crown and pie.

12. A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
 - providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pair of side rims;
 - providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
 - 5 molding the settable material with the tooling;
 - permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pair of side rims; and
 - adhesively applying wood veneer to the crown and side rims.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the veneer is applied with a membrane press.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the veneer is applied with a profile wrapping machine.

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15. The method of claim 12 wherein glue is applied to the veneer and the veneer is adhered to the crown and side rims with the use of heat and pressure.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein a pie and end rim is fabricated of solid wood and is attached to the crown and side rims.

17. A method of making a lid for a casket comprising:
 - providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a pair of side rims, an end rim and a header;
 - providing settable material from which to mold the lid;
 - 5 molding the settable material with the tooling;
 - permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a pair of side rims, an end rim and a header;
 - separating the pie and end rim from the crown and the side
 - 10 rims;
 - adhesively applying a first wood veneer sheet to the pie and end rim;
 - adhesively applying a second wood veneer sheet to the crown and side rims; and
 - 15 attaching the veneered pie and end rim to the veneered crown and side rims.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the veneer sheets are applied with a membrane press.

19. The method of claim 17 wherein the veneer sheets are applied with a profile wrapping machine.

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20. The method of claim 17 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheets and the veneer sheets are adhered with the use of heat and pressure.

21. For a casket lid having a pie and a crown, a method of forming a miter joint from first and second sheets of veneer applied to the pie and crown, along a line of intersection of the pie and crown, comprising:

applying a first strip of masking tape to the line of intersection;

5 trimming the first strip of masking tape along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portion from the pie side of the line of intersection;

applying a first sheet of veneer to the pie, the sheet overlying the portion of the first strip of masking tape remaining on the crown side of the

10 line of intersection;

applying a second strip of masking tape to the first sheet of veneer over the line of intersection;

trimming the second strip of masking tape and the first sheet of veneer along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portions from

15 the crown side of the line of intersection by removing the portion of the first strip of masking tape remaining on the crown side of the line of intersection;

applying a second sheet of veneer on the crown, the sheet overlying the portion of the second strip of masking tape remaining on the pie side of the line of intersection; and

20 trimming the second sheet of veneer along the line of intersection and removing the trimmed portion from the pie side of the line of intersection by removing the portion of the second strip of masking tape remaining on the pie side of the line of intersection.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein the casket lid is made by a
method comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary
casket lid portion having a crown and a pie;

5. providing settable material from which to mold the lid portion;
molding the settable material with the tooling; and
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-
piece, unitary casket lid portion having a crown and a pie.

23. The method of claim 21 wherein the casket lid is made by a
10 method comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary
casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

15 providing settable material from which to mold the lid;
molding the settable material with the tooling; and
permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-
piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

24. The method of claim 21 wherein the veneer sheets are
applied to the lid with a membrane press.

20 25. The method of claim 21 wherein the veneer sheets are
applied to the lid with a profile wrapping machine.

26. The method of claim 21 wherein glue is applied to the veneer sheets and the veneer sheets are adhered to the lid with the use of heat and pressure.

27. The method of claim 21 wherein a rim is fabricated of solid
5 wood and is attached to the crown and pie.

28. The method of claim 21 wherein a rim is fabricated from a solid non-wood substrate profile wrapped with wood veneer, and is attached to the crown and pie.

29. A method of making a head end lid and a foot end lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

5 providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling;

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a first one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

repeating the above steps to produce a second such casket lid;

10 positioning the first and second lids header-end-to-header end;

adhesively applying a single wood veneer sheet to the crowns of both the first and second lids; and

separating the first lid from the second lid.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein the veneer sheet is applied to the lids with a membrane press.

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